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Title: PROTECTED ACTIVE METAL  
ELECTRODE AND BATTERY CELL  
STRUCTURES WITH NON-AQUEOUS  
INTERLAYER ARCHITECTURE

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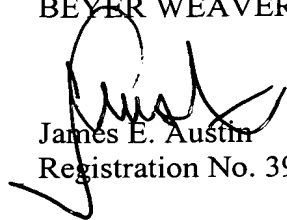
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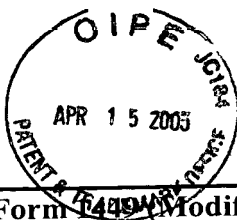
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